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Hello,

I just wanted to a short indication of my view of the business practices of Microsoft and its effect on technology. For 5 years I worked at a software company that produced Internet email software. For years now Microsoft has made life very difficult for internet postmasters both by:

1. Producing software that flaunts the messageing standards, both Internet and OSI standards.
2. Producting email user agents and word processing software that are targets for even the novice hacker to attack random hosts.

The penetration of Microsoft email products into the market place has been dramatic. In large part this can be attributed to the delivery of Microsoft Mail as a "free" addon to Microsoft Office. This is very similar to the problem that the court considered in looking at web browser embedded in the operating system.

In my opinion, any settlement that does not require Microsoft applications divisions to operate independantly from the operating system developers is a waste of your effort and my tax dollars. It needs to be in the best interest of the Microsoft applications group to provide software on any or all

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